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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION BY PERU IN U.S. DEVELOPING
COUNTRY ENERGY PROGRAM

REF: LIMA 970

1. REFTEL DESCRIBES GOP REQUEST FOR POSSIBLE USG/GOP
COOPERATION IN DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATE ENERGY SOURCES AND
SUGGEST PERUVIAN INVOLVEMENT IN US DEVELOPING COUNTRY
ENERGY PROGRAM. DURING FEBRUARY 3 VISIT OF GENERAL BARREDA
(IPEN) TO DISCUSS AGREEMENT FOR NUCLEAR COOPERATION,
POSSIBILITY OF COLLABORATION IN DEVELOPMENT OF NON-NUCLEAR
ENERGY RESOURCES AND TECHNOLOGIES AND DEVELOPING
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COUNTRY ENERGY PROGRAM WAS DISCUSSED.

2. GENERAL BARREDA APPEARED TO WELCOME POSSIBILITY OF
JOINT WORK IN THIS AREA AND SAID THAT HE LOOKED FORWARD TO
RECEIVING MATERIAL AND VISITS. FULL DESCRIPTION OF
PROGRAM FOR EMBASSY/USAID USE AND MORE ABBREVIATED VERSION
THAT COULD BE FORWARDED TO GENERAL BARREDA HAVE BEEN

AIRPOUCHED.

3. PROGRAM CURRENTLY AT PILOT STAGE PENDING REQUIRED PRESIDENTIAL REVIEW OF FIRST YEAR'S EFFORTS. COLLABORATION WITH EGYPT HAS BEGUN. AT PRESENT THE PROGRAM IS LIMITED TO ASSESSMENTS OF NATIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES AND PLANNING AND IDENTIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS AND COSTS OF POSSIBLE FOLLOW-ON PROJECTS.

4. U.S. CONSIDERS A COUNTRY ENERGY ASSESSMENT TO BE AN IMPORTANT AND DESIRABLE FIRST STEP IN IDENTIFICATION OF PRIMARY AND ALTERNATIVE SOURCES AND OF PROJECTS AS THOSE IDENTIFIED IN REFTEL. IF, AFTER REVIEW OF PROGRAM MATERIAL, EMBASSY AND USAID AGREE TO SUCH INVOLVEMENT, IT MAY WISH TO MAKE INITIAL SOUNDINGS WITH APPROPRIATE PERUVIAN OFFICIALS DRAWING ON BOTH THE MATERIAL ALREADY SENT AND SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS GIVEN BELOW. STATE/AID DESKS HAVE BEEN FULLY BRIEFED AND CAN SUPPLY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS NEEDED.

5. PROPOSED TALKING POINTS

A. COOPERATIVE ENERGY PROGRAM REPRESENTS U.S. RESPONSE TO SPECIAL NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN RESPECT TO CURRENT AND FUTURE WORLD ENERGY SITUATION.

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(1) IT WOULD ASSIST IN DEFINING AND IMPROVING ACCESS TO INDIGENOUS ENERGY RESOURCES OF ALL TYPES.

(2) IT WOULD WORK JOINTLY WITH NATIONAL EXPERTS IN DEFINING ENERGY STRATEGY OPTIONS THAT CORRESPOND TO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

(3) IT COULD ACT TO REDUCE FUTURE DEPENDENCE ON OI6 (SEE PARA 4 REFTEL) BY IDENTIFICATION AND CONFIRMATION OF VALID ALTERNATIVES.

B. COLLABORATION WITH EGYPT HAS BEGUN.

C. AS PERU UNDOUBTEDLY RECOGNIZES, A COMPREHENSIVE COUNTRY ENERGY ASSESSMENT IS KEY ELEMENT IN DETERMINING FUTURE ENERGY STRATEGIES. SUCH ASSESSMENT, IN TURN, MUST REST ON BEST POSSIBLE DATA RE. EXISTING AND POTENTIAL ENERGY RESOURCES.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM:

(1) PROPOSES TO WORK WITH PERUVIAN EXPERTS IN COMPIL-

ING COMPREHENSIVE INVENTORY OF ENERGY RESOURCES BOTH OF
TRADITIONAL TYPE (E.G., COAL) AND NON-CONVENTIONAL SOURCES

(E.G., SOLAR, WIND, GEOTHERMAL).

(2) PROPOSES TO WORK WITH PERUVIAN PLANNING SPECIAL-
ISTS IN APPLYING MOST UP-TO-DATE ASSESSMENT METHODS AND
PROCEDURES TO DEVELOP A NUMBER OF STRATEGY OPTIONS.

(3) WOULD PROVIDE SELECTIVE TRAINING TO INCREASE
PERUVIAN CAPABILITIES IN BOTH OF ABOVE AREAS.

D. COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY STRATEGY OPTIONS, BASED ON THE
BEST AVAILABLE DATA AND USING WIDELY RECOGNIZED AND
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RESPECTED ANALYTIC APPROACHES WOULD PROVIDE BOTH NEAR
AND LONG-TERM BENEFITS. IN NEAR-TERM COULD PROVIDE NATIONAL
PLANNERS AND DECISION-MAKERS WITH BASIS FOR DEFINING
ENERGY PORTION OF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND THUS ASSIST IN
ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES BOTH FOR OWN USE AND TO SUPPORT
REQUESTS FOR OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE FROM VARIOUS POTENTIAL
SOURCES; IN LONG-TERM WOULD HELP IDENTIFY THE RESOURCES
WHICH PERU WOULD NEED FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND ASSOCIATED
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

E. FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THIS INITIAL COUNTRY ENERGY
ASSESSMENT WOULD COME FROM THE U.S. SIDE BUT INVOLVEMENT
OF PERUVIAN EXPERTS AND PLANNERS IN PROGRAM ACTIVITIES
ARE CONSIDERED CRITICAL TO ITS SUCCESS.

6. IF COUNTRY TEAM CONSIDERS PERUVIAN INVOLVEMENT DESIR-
ABLE AND INITIAL PERUVIAN REACTION IS POSITIVE, WE WOULD
BE PREPARED ON SHORT NOTICE TO SEND SMALL AID/STATE/DOE
TEAM FOR FURTHER BRIEFINGS OF EMBASSY AND USAID STAFF AND
WITH THEIR CONCURRENCE AND PARTICIPATION, ENTER INTO
INITIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH PERUVIAN OFFICIALS. VANCE

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